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In re Application of :
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Title: METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OR PREVENTION OF *FLAVIVIRUS* INFECTIONS USING NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 29, line 3 - page 32, line 27, please delete the paragraph and replace it with the following paragraph:

--The compounds of the present invention can be prepared by methods well known in the art. For example, such methods are described in the following references *J.Med.Chem.* **1991**, 34, 693-701; *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* **1995**, 43(11) 2005-2009; *J.Org.Chem.* **1989**, 54, 631-635; *Can.J.Chem.* **1975**, 53(19), 2975-2977; *Nucleosides Nucleotides*, **1990**, 9(8), 1045-60 and *Chemistry of Nucleosides and Nucleotides* edited by Leroy B. Townsend, 1988 Plenum Press Volumes 1 and 2; *Synthesis of 2'-β-fluoro- and 3'-β-fluoro-substituted guanine nucleosides*. Effect of sugar conformational shifts on nucleophilic displacement of the 2'-hydroxy and 3'-hydroxy group with DAST. *J. Org. Chem.*, 57(26), (1992) 7315-21. Synthesis and antiviral and cytostatic properties of 3'-deoxy-3'-fluoro- and 2'-azido-3'-fluoro-2',3'-dideoxy-D-ribofuranosides of natural heterocyclic bases. *J. Med. Chem.*, 34(7), (1991) 2195-2202.